distributorships are being set up in Karwar.

Closure of Amjhore Project of PPCL

1730. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Amjore Project of P.P.C L. has been recommended for closure for want of market for its products;

(b) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed by Sindri Fertilizer plant for the purchase of the produce of P.P.C.L.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Sindri Fertilizer plant instead of buying PPCL's product resorted to imports of sulphuric acid virtually making the agreement defunct; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Exploitation of pyrites at Amjhore was initially started mainly to cater to the requirements of the sulphuric acid plant at Sindri unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. Due to technological and design deficiencies this sulphuric acid plant could not sustain operation and achieve its rated capacity. Hence, it had to be closed down. Correspondingly, the production of acid grade pyrites at Amjhore by Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Limited (PPCL) has also been stopped since November, 1982 and only a limited quantity of Agricultural grade pyrites are being produced.

(b) No formal agreement was signed between PPCL and Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. FCI has reported that their Sindri unit has not imported any quantity of sulphuric acid, but only a small quantity of sulphuric acid was procured indigenously for testing the performance of phosphoric acid and TSP plants of Sindri unit.

Guidelines issued to States for implementing Industrial Programmes

1731. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have issued guidelines to the States for the implementation of industrial programmes in backward areas of the country;

(b) what are these guidelines;

(c) when these guidelines were issued; and

(d) what are the changes if any, considered necessary in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Guidelines are given in the Press Note No. 4|1|81-BAD (Vol. III) dated 27-4-83 read with Press Notes No. 4|1|81-BAD (Vol. III) dated 7-9-83 and No. 14|1|83-DBA-I dated 9-4-85; and booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas"; copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been formed to review and revise the Central Incentive Scheme. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st December, 1985.